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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,3-5 and 8-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3-5 and 8-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

Art Rejections:

1. The text of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) cited in the previous office action is hereby incorporated by reference.
2. Claims 1, 5 and 8-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruvolo, U.S. pat. No. 5,928,363.

Ruvolo discloses a system and method substantially as claimed for:

- a) a data source (servers 19, 21, 23) for storing and providing data through an interconnect fabric (Internet) using a network protocol (HTTP) (see col 5, lines 62-66);
- b) a stateless human interface device (Internet browser) coupled to the interconnect fabric for receiving and rendering data (see col 5, lines 44-54), wherein the data source is configured to maintain an active session associated with the user when the user connected (logged on) and disconnected (logged off) from the stateless human interface device wherein the session comprises one or more executing services (see col 6, lines 1-18 and col 7, lines 39-54); and
- c) an identifier associated with the user configured to connect or reconnect the user to the interface device, the interface device configured to resume the active record/session when the user is reconnected (see col 14, lines 13-41), wherein the

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identifier configured to provide user access or resume the active record/session from any of a plurality of interface devices (see col 3, lines 40-47 and col 8, lines 5-19).

Ruvolo does not explicitly teach not to display the active session when the user is disconnected. It is however noted that Ruvolo's invention is to prevent unauthorized user to access (e.g., view) the active session when the previous user is disconnected (logged off) (see col 4, lines 3-30).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to recognize that Ruvolo's stateless interface device would have not displayed the active session when the authorized user was disconnected because doing so would have defeated the purpose of Ruvolo's invention.

3. Claims 3, 4 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruvolo, in view of De la Huerga, et al, U.S. pat. No. 5,960,085.

Ruvolo does not teach using user identifiers such as security card and biometric sample data to authenticate users. The use of security card or biometric data to authenticate a user is well known in the art as disclosed by De la Huerga (see De la Huerga's col 13, lines 1-9).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize such security devices as alternative or additional user identifiers in Ruvolo because it would have provided enhanced security to the system.

Response to Amendment:

4. Applicant's arguments filed on June 11, 2007 are moot in view of new ground of rejection set forth above.

Conclusion:

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can

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normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on 571-272-1915.

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